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STATE FORESTER ANNOUNCES CLOSED FIRE SEASON

The Utah State Forester has announced a closed fire season to encompass all of Utah, effective June 1, 2004, and extending through October 31, 2004. A closed fire season requires that any open burning be done after first securing a permit. Permits are available from county fire wardens, county fire chiefs, county sheriff's offices and through offices of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

"A closed fire season proclamation is routine this time of year," explained State Forester Joel Frandsen. "As vegetation continues to dry out the chance of fire spreading increases so it's appropriate we take this action at this time."

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